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MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT** 

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 1, please replace the title with a new title as follows:

-- SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPURITY GRADIENT IN THE IMPURITY REGIONS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE--

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims 56-59:

- 56. (New) The semiconductor device according to claim 32, wherein the pair of side walls overlap only the pair of first impurity regions.
- 57. (New) The semiconductor device according to claim 38, wherein the pair of side walls overlap only the pair of first impurity regions.
- 58. (New) The semiconductor device according to claim 44, wherein the pair of side walls overlap only the pair of first impurity regions.

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